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In re the Application of

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For: METROPOLITAN AREA NETWORK SWITCHING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
OPERATION THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This information disclosure statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the above application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. The Examiner is hereby informed that prior art was cited during prosecution of co-pending application Serial No. 08/861,438 on which priority is claimed in the present application. Submission of this prior art is believed to be excused under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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